Metro Rail Projects for cities with more than five million population

153. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give approval to Metro Rail Projects in cities having more than five million population to solve the problem of traffic congestion;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, how the traffic problem will be solved in view of the phenomenal traffic growth in the major cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No such project proposals are under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to solve Traffic problems in major cities, various measures taken in the short and medium term include Traffic System management, construction of flyovers and construction of new roads, Metro Rail Projects being highly capital intensive, are constrained by the lack of resources for such projects.

Maintenance of parks at VP House

†154. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of a number of letters to the Department of Horticulture by the Members of Parliament, no attention is being given towards their suggestions and proper maintenance of parks at VP House; and

(b) if so, the action taken on the letters of those Members of Parliament who had written letters during the last six months for the proper maintenance of parks?

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